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## September 2024 Dispatch

Gold Country Writers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization of writers that meets every Wednesday at the Auburn City Hall Rose Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Email [goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com](mailto:goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com) to join or find out more. **Website:** [goldcountrywriters.com](http://goldcountrywriters.com). **Facebook:** Gold Country Writers. **Mailing address:** P.O. Box 5991, Auburn, CA 95604.



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President's Message

Can you believe it's September? Summer is almost over, and here comes the fall season. I enjoy fall for all the beautiful autumn flowers and how the weather seems to adjust to just the right temperatures. This way we can all garden just a little bit longer than when the summer heat is beating down on us.

I would like to reflect on the month of August because it was a busy and fulfilling month for making decisions and good choices. On the first Wednesday, instead of holding our monthly business meeting, we provided an off-site Leadership Conference at my home in Cool. The majority of our leadership team attended, and a few guests came who have shown interest in attending our business meetings. This was a time to come together, connect, and make group choices and decisions on issues that arise during each year. Reaching problem resolution was the goal for issues such as:

1. Review and discuss the GCW Calendar for 2024-2025. We Identify when to plan special events and community affairs. Reviewing the calendar one year in advance prevents any glitches, and adds to a smooth process throughout the year.
2. We address when is it appropriate to make announcements? Who makes announcements? How many announcements is a distraction and a delay to our Guest Speaker on 3rd Wednesdays.
3. GCW Members' book launches: Where and when to announce them, and where and how to distribute the advertising materials?
4. When is the best time for book sales for authors at GCW? How will we go about the process?

We are considering a suggestion to have book sales at the GCW December Holiday Party. More information will come for this event.

Leaders organized into separate groups to problem solve, brainstorm, and plan the agenda for the Mentorship Program and the Self-Publishing presentation for GCW on August 21st. As a result, the presentation program for GCW Mentorship Program and the Self-Publishers program was excellent and successful. We received good feedback on the content of each of these programs. I personally want to thank all of you who participated in making this program a success. Since then, we have picked up two more mentees for our Program: one member in Auburn and one member who just joined in Citrus Heights. Congratulations and welcome, new mentees!

I was asked to be on Susan Ruston's Auburn Wave Television show to share and discuss Gold Country Writers. Susan made it fun and easy for me despite my second thoughts about participating. Phillip Jacques filmed the event, and his presence (since he is a GCW member) helped me to relax. Phil asked if we would like our own television show for GCW. Wow. We must think about this one. But it sounds pretty good. How many writing organizations have their own television show? Think about it.

Enjoy what's left of the summer days. See you in September!

~ Susan Korn

# GOLD COUNTRY WRITERS



## THE PRINCIPLES OF NARRATIVE BELIEVABILITY: How to Make Your Fiction Realer Than Real

From farm boys in space to cancer-ridden chemistry teachers to Sicilian mobsters operating in New York City, good characters and good stories are less about how realistic they are, but how believable the reader finds them. EJ DeBrun has developed 12 Principles of Believability to provide writers with guidance on how to develop clear narrative logic as well as the compelling emotional elements necessary to keep readers invested in a story. A former animator, she uses her Masters degree in Animation to write in the science fiction and fantasy genre. For more, visit her website: <https://www.ejdebrun.com/>

## EJ DeBrun



Sept. 18, 2024  
10 A.M. to Noon

AUBURN CITY HALL  
ROSE ROOM  
1225 Lincoln Way  
Auburn CA 95603  
[goldcountrywriters.com](http://goldcountrywriters.com)  
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### Learn About Writing Believable Fiction

by Margie Yee Webb

We are pleased to welcome EJ DeBrun for a presentation to Gold Country Writers. On Wednesday, September 18, she will present “The Principles of Narrative Believability: How to Make Your Fiction Realer Than Real.”

EJ says, “From farm boys in space to cancer-ridden chemistry teachers to Sicilian mobsters operating in New York City, good characters and good stories are less about how realistic they are, but about how believable the reader finds them. But how to create fiction that is realer than real?” To answer this, she has developed 12 Principles of Believability to provide writers with guidance on how to develop clear narrative logic as well as the compelling emotional elements necessary to keep readers invested in a story.

EJ DeBrun is a former animator with a Master's degree in Animation from Savannah College of Art and Design. During her time in the film and television industry, she has worked with many veteran industry professionals at studios such as Nickelodeon and Lucasfilms Animation. She has also written for television at an independent studio. She now uses her previous creative experience to write fiction in the science fiction and fantasy genre. For more information, visit EJ on her website, <https://www.ejdebrun.com/>, and on Instagram, <https://www.instagram.com/ejdebrun>

## Two Inspiring Panels for August

by Lisa Schliff

### **Mentorship Program Panel**

GCW President Susan Korn regaled Gold Country Writers with a thorough description of the Mentorship Program that she leads. Four panelists shared their wonderful experiences of GCW mentorship: Mary Mohs, Pat Snelling, Tzeli Triantafillou, and Kathryn Shields.

Mary had two mentors, Rebecca Inch-Partridge and Susan Korn, who helped her to organize her ideas. They met twice a month at Depoe Bay Coffee Roasters. The mentorship kept her writing and helped her get a publisher. An added benefit: they became friends.

Pat wrote a novel and knew it needed revision. Mentor Susan Korn gave her feedback, cared about her work, and helped her to see the readers' perspective. Susan also helped her to get it bound into a book.

Tzeli's mentor, Susan, helped her reconnect with her childhood dream of writing and her true self. She received good feedback with kindness. Susan helped Tzeli edit her writing so that the reader can understand it.

Kathryn's mentor had children's story skills, which fit perfectly with her genre. She recommended that we find a mentor with skills that we need.

### **Self-Publishers Panel**

Michael O'Haver shared his experience of editing, formatting, printing, designing the cover, and publishing for himself. He's a do-it-yourselfer and learned a tremendous amount in this approach.

Kathryn Shields tried query letters and hybrid publishers, but eventually used fiverr.com to publish her children's book. On that website, she chose various functions and paid experts separately for editing, formatting, cover design, and illustrating. Her efforts resulted in a First Place Award from the International Indie Book Awards for *On The Point of a Star*.

Phyllis Kalbach created an independent publishing company to publish her book. Formatting was the most challenging work. Her Sci Fi novel, *Blue Eden*, earned notice from Hollywood and a phone call from former Vice President Al Gore.

Barbara Young self-published *The Heart That Rocks Health Care* to purchase her books at cost and own all the rights. Also, she didn't want to wait the typical two to three years to be published by a big house publisher. She wanted to preserve the tone and heart of her

writing, which can be compromised when working with a publisher.

Everyone gained valuable insights at the August two-panel presentation. Much appreciation to the panelists and all who participated!



**Mentorship panelists (from left to right) Kathryn Shields, Tzeli Triantafillou, Pat Snelling, and Mary Mohs.**

(photo by Lisa Schliff)



**Self-publishing panelists (from left to right): Barbara Young, Phyllis Kalbach, Kathryn Shields, Michael O'Haver.**

(photo by Sarah Pressler)

## Read & Review Book Discussions

by Kelly Lardner, Coordinator

Please join us for our next Read and Review, when we will be reviewing *Rose Beads* by Ké Ridolfi (aka Kelly Lardner) and *Theo and Stella's Amazing Dinosaur Adventure* by Randy Whitwell. We will meet on Friday, October 11 from 10:00 to noon at Depoe Bay, 893 Lincoln Way in downtown Auburn.

Coming up:

October 11 *Rose Beads* (historical fiction), Kelly Lardner writing as Ké Ridolfi

**Our GCW Read & Review Book Club meets only one more time this year. Come in October and see what it's all about!**

## President Susan Korn Talks About Friends and Inspiration from GCW

by Margie Yee Webb

Susan Rushton, program host and *Auburn Journal* columnist, interviewed President Susan Korn about Gold Country Writers on August 6, 2024. Susan R's new program on Auburn Community Television (ACTV) is "Lifelong English Major" and features interviews with writers, authors, and other literary folks.

In addition to mentioning GCW's Speaker Programs, Critique Groups, and Drop-in Critique, Susan talked about friends and inspiration from GCW, and her books — including *Terror Highway 193* and *The Brown Rabbit*.

Among the advice and inspiration Susan K shared is: "You got to see it to believe it, in order to achieve it." And she said GCW is "a fun social group who loves to write and wants to achieve something."

Watch her interview: Lifelong English Major Susan Korn 1 on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rnfAVs6BME>





**At the Gold Country Writers Leadership Conference on August 7 - hosted by President Susan Korn in Cool**

**From left: Phyllis Kalbach, Barbara Young, Nicolle Goldman, Pat Snelling, Michael O'Haver, Kathryn Shields, Lisa Schliff, Mary Mohs, Susan Korn, Susan Osborn, Heike Kutchukov, (not pictured: Margie Yee Webb)**

(photo by Margie Yee Webb)

## **KUDOS!**

To Rebecca Inch-Partridge for winning gold in the general fiction category at the Northern California Publishers & Authors Book Awards. The award was for *Abby's Fire*, the paranormal mystery/thriller she co-authored with her aunt, Corinne Malcolm Ibeling.

To Frank Nissen, whose sequel to *Fortune's Call: A Gold Rush Odyssey* is scheduled for release in January 2025.

To Joan Griffin, whose adventure memoir *Force of Nature* won gold in the memoir category and silver in the cover design category at the 2024 Northern California Publishers & Authors Book Awards.

To Kathryn Shields, who has a new web page that has a link to her youtube.com channel. She has a video on the channel and more coming in the future. The url address is: [www.wonderallaround.net](http://www.wonderallaround.net).

To Mary Boyle for selling 1,732 books at last count at farmers markets and special events. She has two books in the works: *O is for Pig* is being illustrated, and *Smudge* goes into production in September. *Max's World* is a collection of short stories that she will publish in the fall.

To Barbara Young for her upcoming readings at the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club and the Chateau Davell Winery on September 22 (see Out Of Town).



## Donate a Book to the Humane Society

by Lisa Schliff and Sarah Pressler

The Humane Society of the Sierra Foothills Used Bookstore has offered Gold Country Writers an opportunity to display their published books on an entire book shelf. Donate one copy of any of your publications, but please limit total books to five. Your book(s) will be showcased for thirty days in October, so donate soon. This offer may be extended to November, in time for holiday sales. You will be able to advertise your book(s) on display with postcards, bookmarks, and signage.

Proceeds of the sales go to the Humane Society of the Sierra Foothills. Your donation will help out dogs, cats, and other animals who need care and homes.

The Used Bookstore is eager to get started, so get your books submitted to Sarah Pressler for delivery. She'll make the initial arrangements for drop-off and display. Check out their webpage, or, even better, check out the site. It's a lovely store. They're giving us an end case, to get the most traffic.

## Share Your Milestones!

Please send news of your writing milestones and accomplishments to Lisa Schliff, Dispatch Editor, for recognition in the newsletter: [onthbeamalisa@gmail.com](mailto:onthbeamalisa@gmail.com). Your news will be posted in the Kudos column. We want to read about you!



**Thinking of becoming a member of Gold Country Writers?** It's easy to join. Email your name, address, and telephone number to: [GCWmembership@gmail.com](mailto:GCWmembership@gmail.com). Please put 'GCW Membership' in the subject line. We will mail you a more comprehensive membership questionnaire.

Gold Country Writers is here to support and encourage writers of all levels and all genres — whether Novels, Poetry, Science Fiction, Fiction or Memoirs or your own creative genre. Whether you are a beginner or an established writer — WELCOME.

Membership gives you: Critique groups, monthly speakers, networking, mentor program, Read and Review quarterly book club, monthly newsletter, website with your bio, social events

## Snap Your Critique Group

Critique Group Leaders and participants: Please send photos of your critique groups in action to Sarah Pressler at: [sarahpressler2@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpressler2@gmail.com). Also, you can visit the GCW Facebook page, like the posts, and generate more traffic and interest in Gold Country Writers.

## Calendar of Events

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEETINGS ON **SEPTEMBER 11** SCHEDULED FOR THE ROSE ROOM, AUBURN CITY HALL, WILL BE HELD INSTEAD AT **THE BARNSTORMER EVENT CENTER, AUBURN AIRPORT.**

**Wednesday, September 4**  
**10:00 a.m. - noon** - General Business Meeting.  
**5:45 p.m.** - Evening mixed genre, Pizza Factory, 13470 Lincoln Way, Auburn.

**Tuesday, September 9**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Memoir Critique, Atwood Business Park, 11768 Atwood Road, Auburn.  
Currently full.

**Wednesday, September 11**  
Barnstormer Event Center, Auburn Airport, all meetings today only.  
**10:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.** - Drop-in Critique  
**noon - 2:00 p.m.** - Poetry Group  
**noon - 2:00 p.m.** - Inspirational Group  
**noon - 2:00 p.m.** - Children's Lit Group  
**2:30 p.m.** - Sci Fi and Fantasy Group, Flames Restaurant, 13434 Lincoln Way, #3215, Auburn (Raley's Shopping Center).

**Saturday, September 14**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Novel Group, Mary Helen Fein's home. Currently full.

**Wednesday, September 18**

**Tuesday, September 24**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** - Memoir Critique, Atwood Business Park, 11768 Atwood Rd., Auburn.  
Currently full.

**Wednesday, September 25**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** - Drop-in Critique  
**noon - 2:00 p.m.** - Poetry Group  
**noon - 2:00 p.m.** - Inspirational Group  
**noon - 2:00 p.m.** - Memoir Share Group.  
**2:30 p.m.** - Sci Fi and Fantasy Group, Rebecca Inch-Partridge's home.

**Flash Fiction** - Via e-mail only, [goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com](mailto:goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com)

**\*All meetings take place at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall, 1226 Lincoln Way, Auburn, unless otherwise indicated.**

**\*See Critique Group List in this newsletter for group leader, contact person and more details.**

## Save the Dates

by Margie Yee Webb

### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Former animator and fiction writer EJ DeBrun

“The Principles of Narrative Believability: How to Make Your Fiction Realer Than Real”

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/upcoming-events/>

### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Editor and Book Coach Joey Garcia

“Ask Me Anything (AMA) with Joey Garcia!”

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/upcoming-events/>

### Wednesday, October 30, 2024

GCW 5th Wednesday Social

Halloween Costume Party - details to be announced

<https://goldcountrywriters.com>

The Speaker Programs, on the third Wednesday of the month, are free and open to the public. Writers, readers, and guests are invited! Join in for these engaging events!

## SPEAKER PROGRAMS ON ACTV

Click on the blue link to view the Guest Speaker's presentation on youtube.com. Auburn Community Television (ACTV) Studio Manager **Phil Jacques**, a member of Gold Country Writers, has been filming the Speaker Programs since March 2022 when his schedule permits. Much appreciation to Phil!

For more information about the speakers listed below, visit:

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/gcw-videos/>

**Karen Phillips**, “It’s All in the Presentation - Cover Design and Book Formatting,” July 17, 2024

<https://youtu.be/74SVTm8eCrE>

**Geri Spieler**, “Advanced Internet Research Skills”, June 19, 2024

<https://youtu.be/87WZEHalYRc>

**Bill George**, “How a Maverick Coach Upended Society and Led a Group of Young Swimmers to Olympic Glory,” May 15, 2024.

<https://youtu.be/BQapVrNzxJ0>

**Beverly Parayno**, “Drawing From Lived Experience To Write Fiction,” April 17, 2024

<https://youtu.be/6tRXVMk6GCI>

**Lisa Schliff**, "Write a Newsletter to Promote Your Book," February 21, 2024  
<https://youtu.be/Fd4-OCZj3Cc>

**Lara Gularte**, "Is it a Prose Poem or Flash Fiction?" January 17, 2024  
<https://youtu.be/A5aOfEm-zD8>

**James L'Etoile**, "Building Author-Bookstore Relationships," November 15, 2023.  
<https://youtu.be/HDf1yAMBv8s>

**Meera Ekkanath Klein**, "Food and Fables in Fiction Writing," October 18, 2023.  
[https://youtu.be/r\\_ERGLxJ-DY](https://youtu.be/r_ERGLxJ-DY)

**Sands Hall**, "Overlapping Strategies in the Writing of Fiction and Memoir," September 20, 2023. <https://youtu.be/H8rcZ7ve2G4>

**Lois Ann Abraham**, "Feelings, Nothing More Than Feelings," May 17, 2023.  
<https://youtu.be/vIBHahFBang>

**Susan M. Osborn**, "Creating Flash Fiction," April 19, 2023.  
<https://youtu.be/5O3JNYOJi7Q>

**Barbara Young**, "Manifesting Your Book," March 15, 2023.  
<https://youtu.be/tlv972i2ZE0>

**Georgette Unis**, "Sounding the Metaphor," January 18, 2023.  
<https://youtu.be/STtdiepCfa4>

**Amy Rogers**, "Write a Thriller Novel Using Craft Tips From the Pros," September 21, 2022.  
<https://youtu.be/VmJ4wBKLrA0>

**Dierdre Wolownick**, "How to Succeed at Anything," July 20, 2022.  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8e9EiQksIVQ>

**Joan Griffin**, "Spice Up Your Writing With Sensory Details," June 15, 2022.  
<https://youtu.be/F5m34xaTW0o>

**James L'Etoile**, "Exploring Character," May 18, 2022.  
<https://youtu.be/rgB4jBclBvk>

**Mary Helen Fein**, "Writing Family History ~ A Process," March 16, 2022.  
<https://youtu.be/P1jiaqQ0mPo>

Spin-off Critique Group information can also be accessed on the GCW website:  
<https://goldcountrywriters.com/genre-specific-critique-groups/>

Contact group leaders on your latest club roster to learn the current schedule for your group.

**Children's Lit:** Contact Sarah Pressler, sarahpressler2@gmail.com. Meets at noon at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall, on the 2nd Wednesday. New members welcome.

**Evening Critique:** Contact Karen Clay, karen@karenclay.com. Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:45 at Round Table Pizza. Open to new members.

**Evening Mixed Genre:** Contact Rebecca Inch-Partridge: rebeccapartridge@att.net.. Drop in at Pizza Factory, 13470 Lincoln Way, Auburn, 1st Wed. of the month, 5:45 p.m. Open to new members.

**Flash Fiction:** Contact Chery Anderson: goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com. Meets once a month via e-mail. 100-word stories in response to writing prompts. New members welcome.

**Inspirational Group:** Contact Susan Korn, susankorn130@yahoo.com. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from noon to 2:00 p.m.. Bring your own lunch. Open to new members.

**Memoir Critique:** Contact Philip Jacques, philipjacques@gmail.com. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Atwood Business Park, 11768 Atwood Rd. Auburn. Meeting time is 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Currently full.

**Memoir Share:** Contact Terry Wicks, terryshenhouse@gmail.com. Meets 4th Wednesday each month at 12 noon at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall.. Emphasizes sharing & caring, not in-depth critiquing. Open to new members.

**Mystery & Thriller:** Contact Rebecca Inch-Partridge, rebeccapartridge@att.net. Meetings are via zoom at 1 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is in February 2024.

**Novel Group:** Contact Mary Helen Fein: maryhelen@maryhelenfein.com. Meets 2nd Saturday each month at Mary Helen's home from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Currently full.

**Poetry:** Contact David Anderson: dcajla80@gmail.com. Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday from noon to 2:00 p.m. Sharing poems after the Drop-In Critique. Open to new members.

**Science Fiction & Fantasy:** Contact Bill Baynes, bbaynes303@aol.com or Frank Nissen, f.j.nissen@icloud.com. Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 2:30 p.m. Meet at Flame Restaurant and Tap Room,

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## OUT OF TOWN



**Gold Country Writers members attended the lively Writers Coffeehouse at Face In A Book Bookstore on August 18. Led by James L'Etoile, the next meeting is on Sunday, September 15, 2024.**

**(from left) Libby Taylor-Worden, Barbara Young, Rick Meredith, Margie Yee Webb, and Mary Jones with her sister Grace**

(photo by Karen Phillips)

### **Sacramento Suburban Writers Club**

**Sunday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-3101

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Building a Book Creation Team, Virtually Speaking!

Do you need an editor, illustrator, or someone to format your book?

For a self published author, people with these skills can be expensive and challenging to find and access.

GCW member Barbara Young, author of three award winning inspirational books, will share her self-publishing venture and how she found success working with virtual freelancers in several countries --- creating her virtual book creation team. The pearls and pitfalls from her experience with hiring platforms such as Fiverr, Upwork, and Reedsy, and

using collaboration software and technology are valuable if you want to consider broadening your choices for independently publishing your book.

Barbara Young, is an award-winning author. Drawing from her conscious life-style and vocations as a nurse, holistic educator, and minister of metaphysical science, she writes to inspire well-being, creativity and empowerment for adults and children.

Her published works include: *The Heart that Rocks Health Care*, *Grandma Lost Cuddles*, *Mother's Pearls: An Enduring Gift*, and various short stories in anthologies published by Northern California Publishers and Authors.

She is a member of several local writer groups including Sacramento Suburban Writers Club. She is VP of Internal Affairs for Gold Country Writers. **BYoungBooks.com**

## Poetry of the Sierra Foothills Reading and Open Mic

**Sunday, September 22, 2024** - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring Nevada County Poet Laureate Kirsten Casey  
and author Barbara Young

Hosted by El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emeritus Lara Gularte.

Poets and writers are invited to participate in the open mic for reading poetry and prose.  
Chateau Davell Winery, 3020 Vista Tierra Drive, Camino, CA 95709  
(Right off Highway 50, four miles from Placerville)

## September Literary Events and More

by Margie Yee Webb

**Cameron Park Library — Tuesday, September 3, and Thursday, September 19, 2024** - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Poets and Writers Workshop** led by El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emeritus Lara Gularte and author Beverly Parayno — held on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of every month. “We offer an encouraging space for writers and poets to gather in community. Bring one or two poems or six pages of prose, double-spaced. Read, discuss, critique.”

*Cameron Park Library, 2500 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, CA, 530-621-5500*

**Face In A Book Bookstore — Sunday, September 7, 2024** - 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**James L'Etoile Book Launch Party** — former GCW Speaker invites all to his book launch party to celebrate his new Detective Nathan Parker novel, *Served Cold* — the follow-up to his award-winning thrillers, *Dead Drop* and *Devil Within*. Join us for a fun event! <https://www.getyourfaceinabook.com/event/booksigning-james-lettoile>

*Face In A Book Bookstore, 4359 Town Center Blvd. #113, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762*

(**Note:** watch James L'Etoile's “Building Author-Bookstore Relationships” talk to GCW on ACTV — <https://youtu.be/HDf1yAMBv8s>)

**Face In A Book Bookstore — Sunday, September 15, 2024** - 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

“Drop by for a meeting of the **Writers' Coffeehouse** — a group open to writers of all levels and interests! Meet like-minded people and share writing tips, industry info, and a bit of what you're working on. There are no fees, no registration, and no publishing requirements. All writers are welcome!” The Writers' Coffeehouse meets on the third

Sunday of every month. <https://www.getyourfaceinabook.com/event/writers-coffeehouse>

*Face In A Book Bookstore, 4359 Town Center Blvd. #113, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762*

**Chateau Davell — Sunday, September 22, 2024** - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Poetry of the Sierra Foothills - Reading and Open Mic** featuring Nevada County Poet Laureate Kirsten Casey and author Barbara Young, and hosted by El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emeritus Lara Gularte. Poets and writers are invited to participate in the open mic.

*Chateau Davell Winery, 3020 Vista Tierra Drive, Camino, CA 95709*

*(Right off Highway 50, four miles from Placerville)*

**Cameron Park Library — Thursday, September 26, 2024** - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Reading and Open Mic** featuring Jemi Reis McDonald and Karen Fleeman and hosted by El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emeritus Lara Gularte and author Beverly Parayno. Poets and writers are invited to participate in the open mic.

*Cameron Park Library, 2500 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, CA, 530-621-5500*

**Great Valley Bookfest - Saturday, October 12, 2024** - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Gold Country Writers Panel** will be featured in the presentations and workshops. Dozens of authors will answer questions and sign books in “Authors’ Alley” — authors can apply to participate at <https://gvbookfest.org/vendors/>. The event will feature numerous authors, seminars, poetry readings, arts and crafts vendors, book sales, plus gourmet food and beverage vendors. The mission of the Great Valley Bookfest is “to create a family-friendly festival that celebrates literacy and promotes the written word in the heart of California’s Central Valley.” <https://gvbookfest.org/>

*The Promenade Shops at Orchard Valley (aka Bass Pro Center), Highway 120 at Union Road exit, 280 Lifestyle Road, Manteca, CA 95337*

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